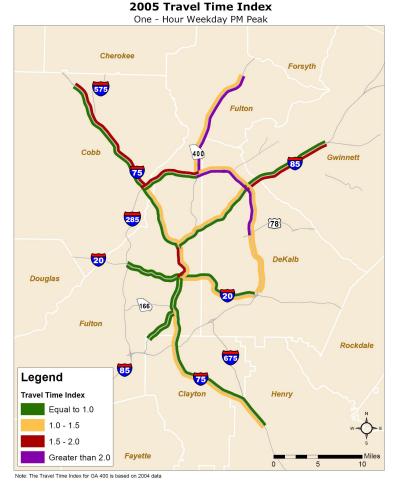
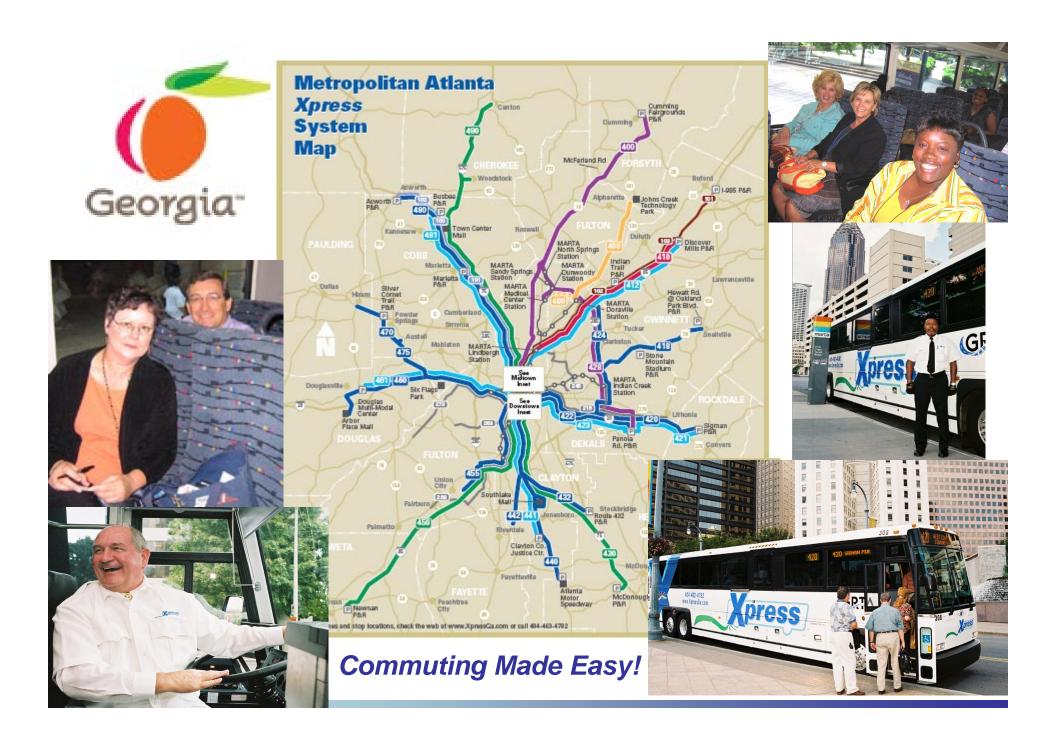


# Commuting Made Easy!

# Fast Forward Transportation Management Strategies

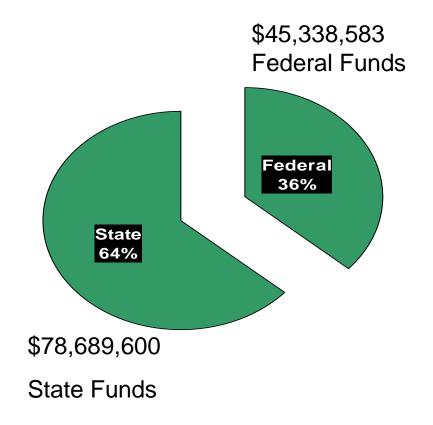


- > Incident Management
  - Traffic Cameras
  - HERO Program
- > Ramp Meters
- ➤ Traffic Signal Timing
- HOV System Expansion
- > Xpress



#### **Xpress Capital Budget**

Coaches	\$ 57.0
Park and Ride	\$ 62.2
Fare Systems	\$ 4.7
Total	\$124.0



In millions of dollars

## Routes Implemented

press	New Routes	Total Routes
	Noutes	1100163
FY 2005	9	9
FY 2006	7	15
FY 2007	5	20
FY 2008	8	27
(planned)		

# **Implementation**

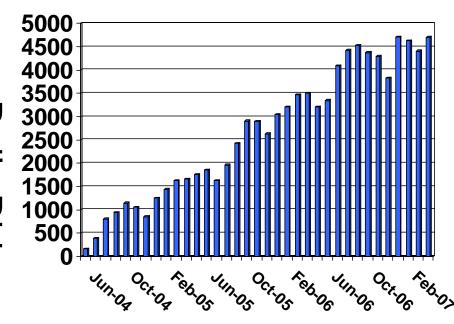
DATE	ROUTES
FY 2007	# 418 – Snellville to Downtown
5 Routes	# 422 - Southeast DeKalb to Downtown
	# 428 – Southeast DeKalb to Perimeter
	# 475 – Mableton to Downtown
	# 490 – Canton to Downtown



Fiscal Year	ROUTES
2008	# 409 – Holcomb Bridge Road
8 Routes	# 423 - Southeast DeKalb to Midtown
	# 424 – Tucker to Downtown
	# 432 – Stockbridge to Downtown
	# 442 - Riverdale to Downtown
	# 455 – South Fulton to Downtown
	# 477 – Powder Springs to Cumberland
	# 488 – W. Atlanta to Cumberland / Perimeter



# Average Daily Riders



#### **April 2007**

Max Load	# Routes
Standees	5
75 - 100% Seated	4
50 - 75% Seated	7
< 50% Seated	2

### **Operating Results**

press	June 2004 to December 2006
County contributions	\$21,250,000
Interest	\$1,647,662
Net operating expenses	(\$1,907,769)
Ending balance	\$20,989,893



# Customer Satisfaction Survey – June 2006 Major Findings

- Rider Satisfaction 89% rate the service as either Excellent or Very Good.
- ➤ Reasons for Riding: "Cost" is the major factor for riding (45%) and "Avoiding traffic" comes in second (34%)

Xpress Helps Mobility: Most Xpress riders have access to a car and if Xpress service were not available 7 in 10 would return to

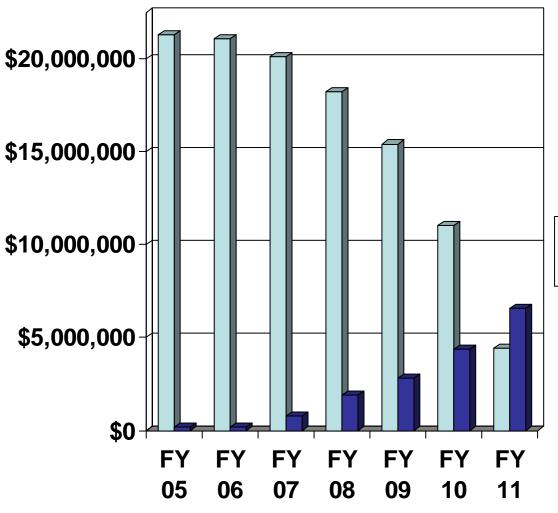
driving alone.





#### Average Passenger Trip Distance

Transit Service	2005 Average Trip Distance
Buckhead Shuttle	2.1
Chatham Area Transit	3.2
Athens Transit	3.3
MARTA Bus	3.3
Macon Transit	4.6
Columbus Transit	4.6
Augusta Transit	5.2
Clayton County Transit	6.2
MARTA Rail	6.8
Cobb Community Transit	8.6
Gwinnett County Transit	21.1
Xpress	26.8



# Future Funding For Xpress

- County Fund Balance
- **■** County Funds Used



#### > Xpress Phase II Expansion Plan

- Services coordinated with GDOT HOV plans
- Add 137 coaches on 28 additional routes

#### > Xpress Phase II Capital Plan (2009 – 2013)

- Coaches \$12 \$15 million per year
- Park and ride facilities \$25 million per year
- Fare and info systems \$ 1.5 million per year

#### Xpress Phase II Funding Sources (2009 – 2013)

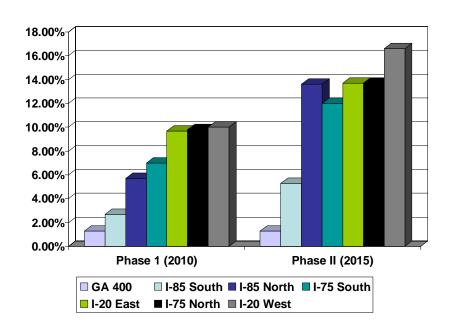
- Federal \$9.8 million per year
- Include in USDOT "Urban Partnership" proposal
- State GO Bonds



#### Five Points Bus Transfer Facility

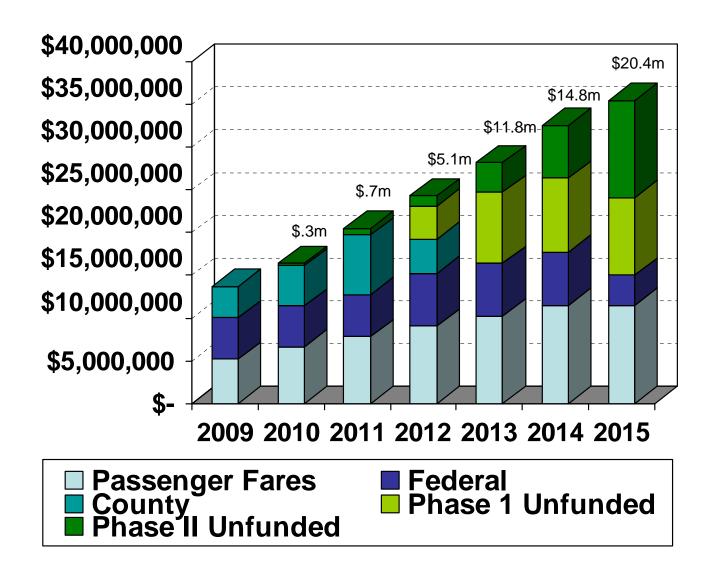
- Provide Off-street Bus Facilities for MARTA, Gwinnett, Cobb and Xpress
- Help the City of Atlanta Accept
  - ✓ Expanded Xpress Service
  - √ I-75 BRT
- Not Preclude Commuter Rail

#### Xpress "Choke Point" Market Share



- Interstate interchanges are regional "choke points"
- Max highway capacity = 2,000 vehicles per lane per hour
- Xpress increases peak hour passenger capacity of "choke points"
- ➢ By 2015 expanded Xpress provides the equivalent peak hour capacity of 2 ½ interstate lanes to Downtown and Midtown

#### Xpress Operating Support



#### Xpress Program Next Steps

- > Review service plans with counties
- > Develop joint plans for 5307 funds
- ➤ Negotiate GRTA / County Agreements
- ➤ Plan for Five Points Bus Improvements

#### Georgia Supports!



- ➤ The State is responsible for interstate highways while counties are responsible for local roads
- Xpress increases passenger capacity at key interstate choke points
- Xpress provides long distance multi-county regional trips
- Xpress serves a 20 county regional area with 50% of state's population
- Xpress services are cost effective and very popular with customers